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Introduction to MT4 platform

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## MT4 - User Interface



### MT4 - User Interface

#### Main Menu



All commands and functions that can be executed in the client terminal are collected in its main menu. It contains: "File", "View", "Insert", "Charts", "Tools", "Window", "Help"

#### Toolbars



Four toolbars are built into the terminal: "Standard", "Charts", Line Studies", and "Periodicity". The toolbars contain duplicated commands and functions of the main menu – customizable.

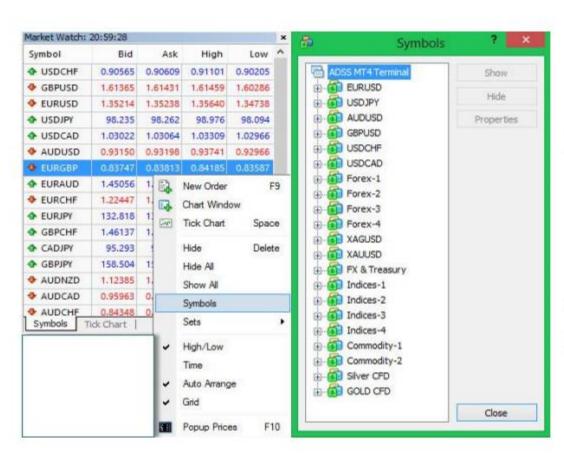
## **Market Watch**



#### Market Watch

This window contains the symbol list. Commands of this window allow to control trade positions and charts.

# Market Watch – Choosing Symbols



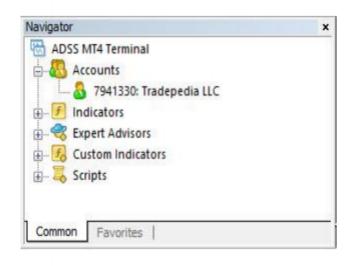
#### Symbols

From here we can choose the symbols we would like to have in the market watch.

#### Other

From here we customise the way we can view the symbols and reorder them as we want.

# **Navigator Window**

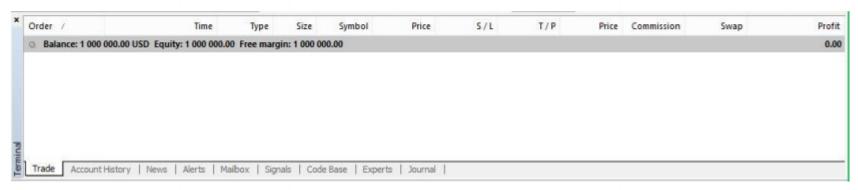


#### Navigator

Accounts, expert advisors, indicators, and scripts are grouped in the navigation window.

The "Navigator" can help to control them promptly.

### **Terminal Window**



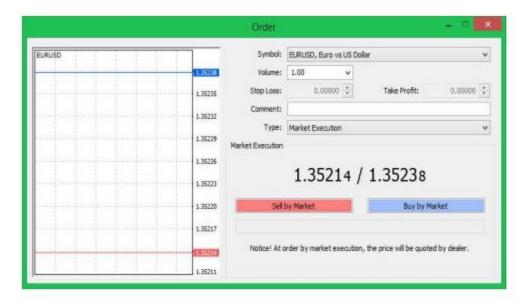
#### Terminal

Terminal is a multifunctional window intended for working with trade positions, news, account history, alerts, internal mail, and logs of the program and of expert advisors, as well. Moreover, the "Terminal" window allows to open and modify orders of different kinds and manage trade positions.

# **Working with charts**



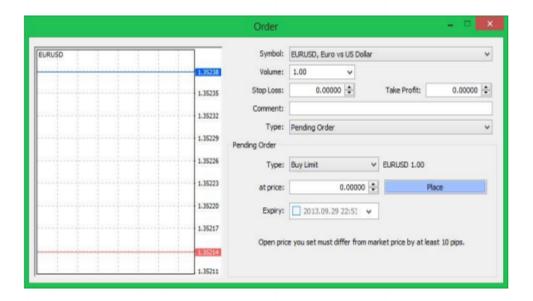
## Orders - Market



#### Market Order

Market order is a commitment to the brokerage company to buy or sell a security at the current price. Execution of this order results in opening of a trade position. Securities are bought at ASK price and sold at BID price. Stop Loss and Take Profit orders (described below) can be attached to a market order.

## Orders - Market



#### Pending Order

Pending order is the client's commitment to the brokerage company to buy or sell a security at a pre-defined price in the future. This type of orders is used for opening of a trade position provided the future quotes reach the pre-defined level. There are four types of pending orders available in the terminal:

#### **Buy Limit**

buy provided the future "ASK" price is equal to the pre-defined value. The current price level is higher than the value of the placed order. Orders of this type are usually placed in anticipation of that the security price, having fallen to a certain level, will increase;

#### **Buy Stop**

buy provided the future "ASK" price is equal to the pre-defined value. The current price level is lower than the value of the placed order. Orders of this type are usually placed in anticipation of that the security price, having reached a certain level, will keep on increasing;

#### Sell Limit

sell provided the future "BID" price is equal to the pre-defined value. The current price level is lower than the value of the placed order. Orders of this type are usually placed in anticipation of that the security price, having increased to a certain level, will fall;

#### Sell Stop

sell provided the future "BID" price is equal to the pre-defined value. The current price level is higher than the value of the placed order. Orders of this type are usually placed in anticipation of that the security price, having reached a certain level, will keep on falling.

#### Stop Loss

This order is used for minimizing of losses if the security price has started to move in an unprofitable direction. If the security price reaches this level, the position will be closed automatically. Such orders are always connected to an open position or a pending order. The brokerage company can place them only together with a market or a pending order. Terminal checks long positions with BID price for meeting of this order provisions (the order is always set below the current BID price), and it does with ASK price for short positions (the order is always set above the current ASK price).

To automate Stop Loss order following the price, one can use <a href="mailingStop">TrailingStop</a>.

#### Take Profit

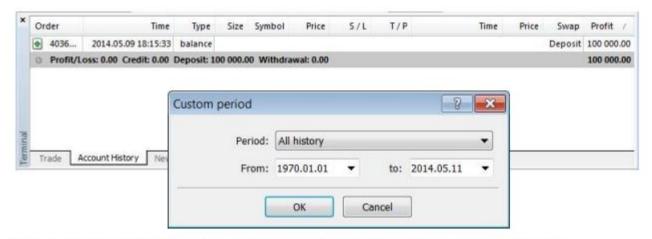
Take Profit order is intended for gaining the profit when the security price has reached a certain level. Execution of this order results in closing of the position. It is always connected to an open position or a pending order. The order can be requested only together with a market or a pending order. Terminal checks long positions with BID price for meeting of this order provisions (the order is always set above the current BID price), and it does with ASK price for short positions (the order is always set below the current ASK price).

# **Monitoring Trades**



The active trade window is used to monitor all existing open positions including the details of each contract such as – Open time, type and size of order, symbol, open price, active stop loss and take profit levels, commissions and swaps and unrealised profit.

## **Account History**



The account history tab located next to the active trade tab, is where account holders can access all previous trades of the account. Custom period allows the option to view trades between specific dates with aggregate profit/loss over the specified period. Simple drag and drop a closed trade into a price chart will redraw the trade on the graph.

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